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January 29, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 January 29, 2013

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION
TO PURCHASE VETERINARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
AND ENHANCE VETERINARY SERVICES**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a donation of \$50,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) to the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Accept the gift of \$50,000 to purchase needed veterinary medical supplies for all six County animal care centers and upgrade medical care areas.
2. Instruct your Board to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donors for their generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is pleased to inform your Board that the Foundation has received a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to be used to enhance medical care of animals at the County animal care centers. Since this gift is in excess of \$10,000 it requires your Board's approval for acceptance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of the donation to the Department will support the organizational goal of service excellence (Goal 1) by enhancing the care and health of animals at County animal care centers,

thereby supporting the public interest of providing safe and humane animal care for County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The Foundation is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit foundation. The Foundation's sole purpose is to assist and promote the programs of the Department. Your Board approved an agreement between the Foundation and the Department on October 21, 2002, pursuant to County policies requiring Board approval of agreements between County departments and their supporting non-profit foundations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This donation will greatly enhance the medical care provided to animals at County animal care centers. The donation will be used to purchase medical supplies and equipment that will provide enhanced diagnostic capabilities. The Department will be able to enhance its diagnostic capabilities with in-house blood tests to determine the cause of illness and disease in animals. Dental procedures will be performed on animals with dental disease, thereby increasing their adoptability and correcting existing medical problems. Veterinarians will be able to more efficiently diagnose and perform certain corrective eye surgical procedures, thereby relieving animal pain and making them more adoptable for potential homes. Some modifications will be made to existing medical exam and treatment areas to enhance animal care procedures. Finally, an in-house medical reference library will be established for medical staff.

CONCLUSION

Two draft appreciation letters thanking the ASPCA and the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation for the generous donation are shown as Attachment II. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "M Mayeda".

MARCIA MAYEDA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

ATTACHMENT II

(DATE)

Ms. Melissa Norden
Chief of Staff
American Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
520 8th Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10018

Dear Ms. Norden:

At its meeting of January 29, 2013, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, the generous donation of \$50,000 to purchase needed veterinary medical supplies for all six County animal care centers and upgrade medical care areas.

This donation will greatly enhance the health and well being of animals sheltered by the County of Los Angeles and create greater customer satisfaction among our adopters.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to the Animal Care Foundation for this generous donation.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation
P.O. Box 100515
Pasadena, CA 91189

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